



Marple Bridge  
(Hollins Lane)

The Catholic Community Newsletter  
for the parish of

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and

**The Annunciation**  
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**SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE**

Date	Time	Place		Intention
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	MB	<b>Mass</b>	Christine Alstead R.I.P.
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b>	Paul Bell R.I.P.
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	MB	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>9.00am</b>	NM	<b>Mass</b>	Thomas McMenemy (well-being) (Deanery meeting at 11.00am at Matlock)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	MB	<b>Mass</b>	
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	6.30pm	MB	<b>Mass</b>	
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am 12 noon	NM MB	<b>Mass</b> <b>Mass</b>	Jo McMahan R.I.P.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick: David Cochrane, Dorothy Graham, Mary Bradbury, Joan Bindley and Marie Davies. To be added to this list, please contact the parish office or collect a form from the back of church.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> May), there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications.

**CHANGE OF MASS TIMES:** Please note that next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> May), the Mass at New Mills will be at 9.00am as I have to attend a Deanery meeting in Matlock at 11.00am. There will be fifteen minutes of Adoration after this Mass with the school children.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** We need people to join our cleaning team at New Mills - tall people who can reach cobwebs would be particularly appreciated. Please contact Jo Barber if you can help.

## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18TH MAY 2024**

The annual collection for Christian Aid takes place again this year. There are envelopes at the back of church in Marple Bridge if you would like to take one and give a donation. The envelopes can be returned to church for collection and counting. This year the focus is on Burundi where many people have been pushed to the brink of survival through poverty. If you prefer to donate online please go to <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2024/marple-area-christian-aid-week>

**MAY QUEEN PROCESSION:** Dear Parishioners on Wednesday 22 May St. Mary's VA New Mills will be completing their May Queen procession to the church grotto to crown Mary. We will also lay some flowers at the Statue of St Mary and then crown our school May Queen. The pupils will complete a range of prayers in this short celebration. You are all welcome to attend at 2.30pm at the church grotto.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet in May. The following people are members of the PPC: Father Emmanuel Abem Parish Priest), Denise Ead (chair), Fionuala Boucher (school liaison), Jim Howell and Matt Gourdin (technology and website), Nick Reynolds (health and safety; Nick has been doing a lot of work regarding trees being removed from church grounds and organising gardening/cemetery work at Marple Bridge), Sophie Wright (social coordinator), Patricia Atkinson and David Mellor (Parish finance), Ann Winders (recently joined the PPC) and Jo Barber (safeguarding). Additional information: Jim Howell – role of coordinating burials and Mary Robinson – organises weekly Parish newsletter. If you have an issue for the PPC to discuss, please let Father Emmanuel know or Denise Ead (0161 427 6297) by 17<sup>th</sup> May and we can add it to the agenda. Father Emmanuel would like to thank all the other people in the Parish who help in any way; it is greatly appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE** that work on the steeple at New Mills is scheduled to begin on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May; this will mean that access to the car parks will be severely restricted during this week; hopefully work will be completed within the week.

**DAY OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June, from 10-4pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit Our Lady and St Christopher's, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statute of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today.

**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY** in Marple Bridge has been graded Good overall, with Outstanding features, following its latest Ofsted inspection, you can read the full report here: <https://bit.ly/4a5arJT> The press release is here: [St Mary's graded Good with Outstanding features - St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi Academy Trust \(srscmat.co.uk\)](https://www.srscmat.co.uk/news/st-marys-graded-good-with-outstanding-features). As a parish community we offer our congratulations to the whole school family on a fantastic inspection outcome.'